

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 1-15 and 17-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-11, 13, 14 and 17-19 have been rejected. Claims 12, 15 and 20 have been withdrawn. Claims 1, 17 and 18 have been amended and new claim 21 has been added. Support for the language in new claim 21 can be found in the specification on page 7, lines 17-18. It is submitted that no new matter has been added.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, based on an alleged lack of written description and lack of enablement. The Examiner contends that there is a lack of description as to how hydrates are produced and what hydrates are produced in the specification. The Examiner also contends that the specification does not reasonably provide enablement for preparing any and all unknown hydrates.

To facilitate prosecution, while not agreeing with the grounds for this rejection, claim 1 has been amended to delete the language “or hydrate form”. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application directed to the solvate form of the compound.

In view of the above, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 18 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner contends that the term “hydrate” is indefinite and that claims 18 and 19 are substantial duplicates.

With respect to the Examiner’s contention that the term “hydrate” is indefinite, to facilitate prosecution, while not agreeing with the grounds for the rejection, claim 1 has been

amended to delete the term "or solvate form". Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application directed to the solvate form of the compound.

With respect to the Examiner's contention that claims 18 and 19 are substantial duplicates, claim 19 has been cancelled.

In view of the above, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11, 13, 14 and 17-19 have been provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-9, 11, 13-18, 23, 31 and 32 of copending application no. 10/587,192. It is believed that the Examiner meant copending application no. 11/587,192 instead of application no. 10/587,192 since 10/587,192 is directed to "liquid-conducting electrical household appliance".

In response, Applicants request that this rejection be held in abeyance until indication by the Examiner that the pending claims are otherwise allowable.

A good faith effort has been made to place the present application in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would be of value, she is requested to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

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